

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

# Oaks Notes



## Acorns on the Ground

### Finding Rest

Everywhere one looks today there is unrest. People are searching for peace and contentment but finding instead turmoil and tension, fear and frustration.

While Jesus was here on earth he was aware that many people were burdened with the cares of life. He felt sorry for people because their problems were so great and they did not know where to go for help. "They were like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus was able to see into the future, even today, and realize that people would be carrying heavy burdens. That is why Jesus made the wonderful statement in Matthew 11:28. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest."

This invitation was not just for people of that day and time. It was not just for a select few, but it

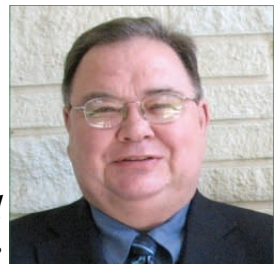
included people, all people, through all the ages.

He will release the tension and strain and give rest to all who come. Coming to Christ indicates that we place our trust in Christ.

Our world today is full of heavy-laden people. They may have a smile on their face but hidden behind that smile is a heavy burden almost too heavy to bear.

Your part is to come, Christ's part is to give you rest. Christ never turns anyone away. God Bless,

Reverend  
Randy Burke



*Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.*

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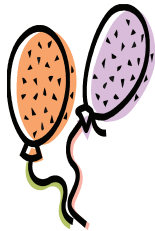
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## OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY 2009



## July Birthdays

Kimberly Johnson	7
Al Leissner	7
Lester Baker	10
Billie Murray	19
Sharon King	22
Lee Leissner	23
Michael Lamb	28
Ben Barr	29
Joanne Rose	29



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.

## And July Anniversaries

Steven and Susan Shipman	1
Charlie and Joyce McQueen	3
Harold and Karen Spaulding	11
Rod and Sharon King	27
Rudy and Barbara Green	30



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4  Happy 4th of July
5  Bread Sunday Board Meeting	6 Office closed	7 Executive Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	8  No Choir Rehearsal V.B.S. Mtg. 7 pm	9	10 Scrap booking - Crafting	11
12 Rev. John Cunyus Board Meeting Scrap booking - Crafting	13	14	15  No Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
19	20	21	22  No Choir Rehearsal	23	24 Astros Trip 50 Tickets Available	25
26 Scrap booking - Crafting	27	28	29 General Assembly 29-02	30 General Assembly 29-02	31 General Assembly 29-02	August 01 General Assembly 29-02

If you have something for the calendar, please let the Church Office know.

## Sunday School and Worship services

Sunday School and morning worship will take place as usual every Sunday in July. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m.



## A Note from Verna Lamb

"Scrap booking/Craft Day" in Kirchner Hall July 12 and July 26.

**Church Office** - The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a pastoral emergency call the pastor's cell number.



Pastor Randy Burke's Phone #'s  
832.729.1598 - Cell  
713.983.0717 - Home

**July 29 - August 2, 2009**  
**General Assembly**  
**Indianapolis, IN**



## Reverend Randy Burke's Bible Study - Pastor

Randy's ongoing Bible study by Ray Vander Laan is off for the summer and will start up again in the Fall.

Fall Dates:  
**Rummage Sale** -  
Sept 17th 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.,  
Sept 18th 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
**Pie Nights** - October 19th & 20th 6:00 p.m.



## SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Will start again in the Fall.

## Announcements, Thank You Note, Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report

**VBS - Sara Simons** - Our curriculum for this year is Camp E.D.G.E.- Exploring and Discovering God Everywhere! Please join us by bringing your loving hearts, creative minds, and industrious hands to help make this year's Vacation Bible School the best one yet! If you would like to be a part of VBS, please contact the church office or call Sara Simons, Committee Chair at 713.983.8697.

Camp E.D.G.E. will be August 9 - 13, 2009.

**Christian Women's Fellowship** - The "Big Church Sale" (otherwise known as Rummage Sale) has been moved to September the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> because of the difficulty in transforming Kirchner Hall from the sale to church for Sunday Service. Please start saving items for the sale as the proceeds go to Church Finance Council and apply to our mission giving, which is not current due to the financial woes of a small church. We will not have very much storage space for items so we would appreciate you holding it till the first of September when services would move back to the Sanctuary and we could store things on the stage.

As always, we thank you for supporting all activities of the church.

Happy 100th Birthday to  
Aileen Crafton!



There will be a pot luck luncheon for Aileen Crafton August 30 right after church. Come and celebrate Aileen's 100th Birthday! Ham will be provided. Bring your favorite dish and celebrate with Aileen.

### To All My Oaks Friends and Family,

Words are not adequate to express the gratitude that I have for all of you. Everyone at Oaks has always been so caring and attentive throughout Terry's life. I always felt loved and cared for by the members of this church and I know she felt the same.

The thing that helped carry me through the past weeks, is the many and varied acts of love. Because of the sheer numbers that attended the visitation and funeral, the overwhelming feeling of loss was not as great. Having all of you there made it more bearable.

I am grateful for all of you and I want thank each one of you for being there over a lifetime but especially in the last weeks.

Anne Hudson

### May Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of May 2009	Sunday School	Church Attendance
May 3	19	67
May 10	21	73
May 17	17	81
May 24	17	60
May 31	23	65
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>346</b>

### From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin

Operating Account	April	May	June
Deposits	13,028.91	9,286.21	9,208.007
Disbursements	(12,1236.97)	(13,775.69)	(11,178.99)
Difference	791.94	(4,489.48)	(1,970.92)

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## Oaks Christian Church

*Bound Together in Love*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
FOR MANNA'S  
THRIFT SHOP**

**For more information  
Contact  
(713) 686-6440**

### **Board Happenings - *Albert Green, Board Chair***

**Friendly Reminder:** There will be an Executive Board Meeting Tuesday, August 4, 2009, 6:00 p.m. and Board Meeting Sunday, after church August 9, 2009. Thank you.